

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-15 and 20-24 are now pending in the present application. Claims 20-24 are newly presented and are believed to be supported by the application as filed. For example, support for new claim 24 is found, e.g., in the "The "Noise" in Vector Graphics and Very-Low-Order Indexed Graphics" from parent patent no. 5,862,260.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 10 and 13 have been amended in an editorial manner and not in response to the prior art or any formal requirement.

Specification Amendments

The specification has been amended to include patent and publication numbers.

Allowed Claims

Applicants greatly appreciate the indication in the July 30, 2004, Notice of Allowance that claims 1-15 are allowable. The newly presented claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 are filed concurrently herewith. Consideration of the documents listed on the Form 1449 is respectfully requested. We also understand that all of the documents cited in our parent applications will also be considered (please see MPEP 609).

Conclusion

An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Nevertheless, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 503-469-4685 if any issue arises.

Respectfully submitted,

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